Lok Pal Bill

596. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Lok Pal bill to bring transparency in Government functioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The matter regarding enactment of legislation relating to Lokpal is receiving attention of the Government.

Cut in the Public Holidays

597. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Citizens Organization for public opinion requesting to cut in the public holidays; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The system of holidays has been reviewed over the years and there has been a marked reduction in the number of holidays from more than 25 holidays to the existing level of 17 holidays in a year (inclusive of 3 National holidays). It has also been decided not to declare any holiday on the death of any VIP except in the case of incumbent Prime Minister of India or President of India based on 5th Central Pay Commission's recommendations. For the convenience of the general public, it has also been decided in principle to reduce the